

Appln. No.: 09/801,944
Preliminary Amendment Dated August 4, 2003
Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts of July 20, 2001

REMARKS

The Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 20, 2001, noted that the copy of the computer readable form of the sequence listing was "damaged and/or unreadable". Applicants attach hereto a replacement copy of the Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form. Applicants note that the computer readable form was checked using the "Checker" software provided by the USPTO. No errors were reported by the "Checker" software. Applicants also enclose a copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts and a Statement to Support Filing and Submission of DNA/Amino Acid Sequences in Accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825. No new matter has been added.

The Notice to File Missing Parts also alleges that pages 72-78 of the present application were omitted from the specification. Applicants disagree and attach hereto a copy of the return postcard from the PTO evidencing receipt of the entire specification (pages 1-173).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended the specification to renumber pages and to remove a sentence that is incomplete in view of the allegedly missing pages. Applicants respectfully request the application be accorded the original filing date of *March 8, 2001*.

Applicants further note that the subject matter present on missing pages 72-78 largely conforms to the subject matter of the priority documents of the present application. The priority documents were specifically incorporated by reference on page 1 of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce in a future amendment the material present on allegedly missing pages 72-78 supported by the priority documents.

Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1275 for any fees associated with this communication.

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Applicants invite the Office to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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